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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S WEEKEND AUGUST 13-14 VISIT TO THE DR, THOUGH OF SHORT DURATION, SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE HIGH-LEVEL US INTEREST IN THE DR AND THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE US TO CONSULTATION WITH ITS CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS. IT RECEIVED HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT IN LEADING DOMINICAN PAPERS WITH SOME CRITICAL COMMENT IN LEFTIST PRESS TO EFFECT THAT SHORT VISIT OF HIGH US OFFICIAL WOULD NOT ALLEVIATE U.S. IMPERIALISM IN CARIBBEAN OR MULTINATIONAL EXPLOITATION.

2. THE VISIT PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OCCASION TO GIVE FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE GODR IN ITS MOVES TO PROMOTE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS. TWO DAYS AFTER AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S DEPARTURE, PRESIDENT BALAGUER PARDONED SOME 80 PRISONERS, INCLUDING A STUDENT LEADER AND TWO EXTREME LEFTISTS WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON AFTER CLANDESTINE INFILTRATION OF THE DR TWO YEARS AGO (SD 5052).(REFTEL). THE PARDONS WERE ISSUED ON RESTORATION DAY, TRADITIONALLY A TIME FOR SUCH ACTION, BUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT PROBABLY GIVE IMPETUS TO INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS
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CONVICTED OF POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED OFFENSES.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONTACTS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS AT AMBASSADOR HURWITZ'S RECEPTION, INCLUDING A PRIVATE HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE PRD, THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY, UNDERLINED THE U.S. POSTURE OF NEUTRALITY IN THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN AND U.S. INTEREST IN RESPECT FOR

FREE ELECTORAL PROCESSES.

4. A TANGIBLE RESULTS OF THE VISIT WAS FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO INSCRIBE THE DR AS A SIGNATORY OF THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (SD 5033).THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TOLD AMBASSADOR HURWITCH THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT WOULD BE A TIMELY OCCASION ON WHICH TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

5. NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL ISSUES WERE RAISED DURING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ OTHER THAN PROPOSED ROLLOVER OF PL-480 DEBT AND ADVERSE EFFECTS THAT DR WOULD SUFFER FROM ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED U.S. SUGAR SUBSIDY LEGISLATION.
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